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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **Timing of the payment of the December 1999 and January 2000 salaries**

1. On 29 April 1999, through information circular ST/IC/1999/34, members of the staff were informed of the potential problems associated with the year 2000 (Y2K) date conversion problem of computers, the so-called "millennium bug". As a contingency measure and in order that staff be given adequate time for conducting their banking transactions well before the end of the year, the arrangements set out below, which are consistent with a decision of the high-level Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, will be in place regarding the timing of the December 1999 and January 2000 salaries.

Duty stations in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Spain and Japan

2. Salary payments for December 1999 will be paid earlier than usual, but no earlier than 20 December,[1] to enable sufficient time for staff to transact any banking business before the end of 1999. No special arrangements with regard to salary advances for the month of January 2000 will be made.

Other duty stations

3. Salary payments for the month of December 1999 will be paid earlier than usual to enable sufficient time for staff to transact any banking business before the end of 1999. Advances equivalent to approximately 80 per cent of the standard monthly entitlements due for January 2000 will be provided to all staff at the same time.

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* Expiration date of the present circular: 31 January 2000.

[1] At Headquarters, December 1999 salaries will be paid on 23 December.

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